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SUBJECT: LOPEZ BRAVO VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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1. IN LIGHT OF PERIODIC SPECULATION RE POSSIBLE CABINET CHANGES AND SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH LOPEZ BRAVO EVIDENTLY HAS WITH FRANCO, THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD PROVIDE A FAVORABLE OCCASION FOR SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT, IF SEES LOPEZ BRAVO, TO ASK HIM ABOUT DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROSPECTS. IT WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO OBTAIN HIS IMPRESSIONS OR ANY INFORMATION WHICH HE MAY BE DISPOSED TO REVEAL OF POSSIBLE MINISTERIAL OR OTHER INTERNAL POLITICAL CHANGES IN SPAIN OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

2. IN CONVERSATION AT AIRPORT PRIOR TO FONMIN'S DEPARTURE FOR US, MFA SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT LOPEZ BRAVO WANTS PARTICULARLY TO EXPLORE OUTLOOK FOR NEGOTIATING RENEWAL OF BILATERAL ACCORD AS A TREATY. MFA THINKING IS THAT US COMMITMENTS UNDER A TREATY WOULD BE FIRMER AND MORE ACCEPTABLE TO SPANISH PUBLIC OPINION. THE MFA OFFICIAL INDICATED ALSO THAT LOPEZ BRAVO MAY RAISE SPANISH REQUEST FOR US AGREEMENT FOR EXPORT OF F-5'S TO LIBYA.
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